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SUBJ: COUNTRY FINANCED TECHNICAL SERVICES: MARITIME

ADVISOR AND TRAINING.

REF: STATE 171284, 113884, DOHA 0399, 0848

1. TWO CANDIDATES FOR TRAINING WITH MARAD ARE GHOLAM ABDULLA GENKEER ALI AND MOHAMMAD KHALIFA A. AL-SAADA. BOTH TRAINED SEVEN YEARS IN U.K. AND CERTIFIED FOREIGN GOING MERCHANT NAVY OFFICERS. HAVE RECENTLY COMPLETED TRAINING IN PORT OF ALEXANDRIA. BOTH CANDIDATES INTERVIEWED BY COMM. OFF. TO DETERMINE DESIRES ABOUT PROPOSED COURSE. AREAS OF SPECIFIC INTEREST AS WELL AS DESIRED RANGE AND FORMAT OF COURSE OUTLINED IN PARA 3 OF DOHA 0399.

2. CANDIDATES ANXIOUS TO START TRAINING IN U.S. ANY TIME AFTER SEPTEMBER FIRST AND QUOTE SOONER THE BETTER, UNQUOTE. (COMMENT: STUDENTS SEEMED TO THINK U.S. SIDE CAUSING DELAYS AND CHOSE TO IGNORE FACT THAT THEY AND PORT DIRECTOR ABSENT FROM DOHA FOR MONTHS AT A TIME. END COMMENT).

3. DESIRED PROGRAM WOULD BE FOUR TO SIX MONTHS BUT GOQ WOULD LEAVE DETERMINATION TO MARAD WHICH CANDIDATES FEEL SHOULD BE ABLE TO ESTIMATE LENGTH BETTER THAN THE CANDIDATES. THEY WOULD LIKE SOME FLEXIBILITY IF AFTER STARTING COURSE THEY DETERMINE THAT COURSE SHOULD BE LONGER OR

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SHORTER.

4. COURSE AS ENVISIONED BY QATARIS WOULD INVOLVE TRAVEL TO VARIOUS LOCATIONS AND STUDY OF OPERATIONS ON SITE. AS THIS WOULD INVOLVE BANKING DIFFICULTIES AND FINANCING PROBLEMS, CANDIDATES HAVE ASKED IF THEIR EXPENSES AND ALLOWANCES CAN BE INCLUDED IN THE COST OF THE COURSE OR DRAWN FROM FUNDS ON DEPOSIT WITH MARAD FROM GOQ. UNDERSTOOD THAT ALL COSTS WOULD BE PAYED BY GOQ.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PREPARATION OF SYLABUS/ SCHEDULE FOR COURSE ALONG WITH SCHEDULE OF FEES AND TRANSMISSION TO EMBASSY DOHA. PAGANNELI

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